

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Board of the Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York was held at the Lancaster Town Hall, 21 Central Avenue, Lancaster, New York, on the first day of October 2003, at 7:30P.M, and there were present:

PRESENT: Stanley J. Keysa, Chairman
Rebecca Anderson, Member
John P. Gober, Member
Lawrence Korzeniewski, Member
Michael Myszka, Member
Melvin Szymanski, Member

EXCUSED: Steven Socha. Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Town Board Members: None

Other Elected Officials: None

Town Staff: Robert Labenski, Town Engineer
Jeffrey H. Simme, Building & Zoning Inspector
Richard J. Sherwood, Town Attorney
Mary Nowak, Recording Secretary

Meeting #19
October 1, 2003

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Mark A. Montour
Ronald Ruffino, Sr.
Donna G. Stempniak
Richard D. Zarbo

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Gentlemen/Ladies:

Enclosed is a draft copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Planning Board of Lancaster which was held October 1, 2003. Please review it for errors and completeness. These minutes will not become final until approved at a subsequent Planning Board meeting, and may be amended before approval.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley J. Keysa,
Planning Board Chairman

SJK:mn

Meeting called to order by Chair Keysa at 7:35 PM. Motion was made by Lawrence Korzeniewski to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2003 Planning Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Michael Myszka and unanimously carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

ACTION ITEMS -

SITE PLAN REVIEW - PROPOSED HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL - LANCASTER HERITAGE TRAIL,
TRANSIT ROAD & COMO PARK BLVD. CONTACT PERSON -ROBERT LABENSKI,
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TOWN OF LANCASTER

Robert Labenski, Town Engineer, presented to the Planning Board the proposed plans for a hike and bike trail. The trail would begin at Como Park Boulevard and Transit Road, which would link up with the hike and bike trail in the Town of Cheektowaga. The trail would run along Como Park Boulevard to Lake Avenue, north to Broadway to Central Avenue (through the business district) to Pleasant Avenue, east on Pleasant Avenue to Court Street and north to Erie Street. The trail could go west to Keysa Park or east to Walter Winter Drive through north past the former DL&W railroad line to Commerce Parkway. The trail would then follow the proposed extension and Commerce Parkway easterly to Cemetery Road, and thence along the abandoned railroad line to Townline Road. Future extensions of the trail could go through Como Park, and from Pavement Road through Westwood Park and to Walden Ponds Park. Mr. Labenski told the Planning Board that this is a federally funded project for which the funds have been approved. The grant will be administered by the New York State Department of Transportation. The project construction would not begin until 2006. The Planning Board suggested that since this a linear route, plans should be made for loops in the trail and these loops might go through established developments. It was also recommended that heavy duty bike racks be made available along the trail. Chair Keysa asked if the Village of Lancaster has been contacted regarding this project. Mr. Labenski stated that Terrence McCracken has informed the village mayor that the application has been made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Korzeniewski told the Planning Board that he recently attended an Overview Planning Board Meeting in the Town of Clarence. He brought back informative literature to share with the Planning Board.

At 8:20 PM a motion was made by Melvin Szymanski to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lawrence Korzeniewski and unanimously carried.

